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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the oral report by the Chair of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG)[1] on the implementation of the LEG work programme for 2013–2014 and acknowledged the progress made by the LEG thereunder.

2. It welcomed the report on the 25th meeting of the LEG,[2] held in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, on 27 and 28 February 2014, and the outcome of the LEG technical meeting on national adaptation plans (NAPs) held in Dar es Salaam from 24 to 26 February 2014.

3. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for hosting these meetings. It expressed its appreciation to the Governments of Belgium, Canada, Finland and Norway for providing financial support for the work of the LEG.

4. The SBI noted with appreciation the contributions made by some Parties to the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF), totalling USD 831.54 million as at 28 February 2014,[3] and encouraged other Parties to also contribute.

5. The SBI welcomed the submission of proposals for the funding of the implementation of national adaptation programme of action (NAPA) projects to the LDCF. It noted with appreciation that as at 20 April 2014, 48 countries had accessed USD 817.25 million for 150 projects to implement NAPAs.

6. The SBI also welcomed the approval of resources totalling USD 6.73 million for the National Adaptation Plan Global Support Programme for the least developed countries

[1] The report is available at <unfccc.int/7504>.
[2] FCCC/SBI/2014/4.
[3] See Global Environment Facility report GEF/LDCF.SCCF.16/04; available at <http://www.thegef.org/gef/node/10491>.

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(LDCs)[4] and for a project to build the capacity of LDCs to participate effectively in the intergovernmental climate change process under the LDC work programme.[5]

7. The SBI noted the importance of continuing to support the full implementation of NAPAs to address urgent and immediate adaptation needs and to build capacity for medium- and long-term adaptation planning and implementation.

8. The SBI expressed its satisfaction with the work of the LEG and the support provided to the LEG by the secretariat. It welcomed the LEG work programme for 2014–2015,[6] and encouraged the LEG to maintain flexibility in the management of its work programme, taking into account available resources.

9. The SBI recognized the importance of the LEG regional training workshops[7] on building capacity, facilitating peer-to-peer learning and promoting South–South cooperation.

10. The SBI welcomed the materials being prepared as supplements to the LEG Technical Guidelines for the NAP process[8] by relevant organizations and stressed the importance of their alignment with these guidelines.

11. The SBI welcomed the engagement and collaboration of the LEG with other constituted bodies and programmes under the Convention, in particular the Adaptation Committee, the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, the Technology Executive Committee, the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts and the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, and its constructive collaboration with a wide range of organizations. It requested the LEG to expand these efforts.

12. The SBI requested that actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

13. The SBI invited Parties in a position to do so to continue to provide support for the implementation of the LEG work programme.

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[4] More information on this programme can be found at <http://www.undp-alm.org/projects/naps-ldcs>.

[5] As footnote 3 above.

[6] FCCC/SBI/2014/4, annex I.

[7] Information on the workshops is available at <unfccc.int/6101>

[8] National Adaptation Plans. Technical Guidelines for the National Adaptation Plan Process. Available at <http://unfccc.int/essential_background/library/items/3599.php?such=j&symbol=FCCC/GEN/288%20E#beg>.